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In re Application of:

NAIR et al.

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EXAMINER: G. BUGAISKY

FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GLYCEROL BY RECOMBINANT

ORGANISMS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 11, 2004, NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

A petition requesting a three-month extension in response time and authorization to pay the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) accompany this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.